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SUBJECT: UNIDO - GROUP B MEETING

1. SUMMARY. GROUP B MET NOV 6 TO REVIEW PREPARATIONS FOR SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO (UNIDO-II) AND FIFTH SESSION OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE (PC-V). MEETING ALSO TOUCHED ON UNGA SECOND COMMITTEE DEBATE CONCERNING UNIDO AND STATUS OF CANDIDACIES FOR UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED NOV 26. END SUMMARY.

2. GROUP B MET NOV 6, CHAIRMAN WAS MINISTER UNGERER (FRG) WHO GAVE RUNDOWN OF OCT 16 INFORMAL INTERGROUP MEETING ALONG LINES VIENNA 8828. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, HE INVITED VIEWS ON GROUP B POSTURE FOR NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING, WHICH HE ANNOUNCED SCHEDULED FOR NOV 8. (ALTHOUGH AMB. FERNANDINI HAD INFORMED UNGERER THAT NOTICES OF MEETING HAD BEEN POSTED, WE AND OTHERS HAD NOT RECEIVED SAME; ACCORDING UNGERER, FERNANDINI WOULD NOT PROPOSE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING).

3. RECALLING THAT G-77 PARTICIPANTS AT OCT 16 MEETING HAD EVINced RELUCTANCE TO MEET AGAIN BEFORE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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OF NOVEMBER, WE REPORTED THAT SUCH DOUBTS HAD SINCE ALSO

BEEN VOICED TO US BILATERALLY. WE SUGGESTED THAT THESE ATTITUDES BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN GROUP B'S CONSIDERATION OF THEMES AND FOCUS IT MEMBERS MIGHT TAKE ON NOV 8. ENSUING DISCUSSION, FEATURING IN ADDITION TO U.S. MAINLY FRENCH, FRG, IRISH, DUTCH AND NEW ZEALAND (REPRESENTED FOR FIRST TIME BY AMBASSADOR BOLT), SUGGESTED FOCUSING ON "NEW LE GUAY PAPER (ID/B/C.3/27 - "PRELIMINARY NOTE FOR THE PREPARATION OF A PLAN OF ACTION ON INDUSTRIALIZATION") AND EMPHASIZED AVOIDANCE OF CONFRONTATION.

A. ALL YET UNINSTRUCTED ON RECENTLY ISSUED LE GUAY PAPER, BUT MAJORITY BELIEVED ARTICULATION OF "PERSONAL" VIEWS AT INTERGROUP MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL. WE INDICATED U. . MIGHT NOTE THAT PROPOSALS FEATURING INTERGOVERNMENTAL APPROACH TO IMPROVING LDC'S SHARE OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION TEND CONFLICT WITH ACTUAL SITUATION IN MANY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WHERE PROSPECTIVE DECISIONS LARGELY MADE AT ENTERPRISE LEVEL. IRELAND BELIEVED OCCASION SHOULD BE ALSO USED TO EMPHAISIZE TRANSNATIONAL INVESTMENT FLOW DEPENDENT IN LARGE MEASURE ON POLE-ECONOMIC CLIMATE IN PROSPECTIVE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. FRG SUGGESTED EMPHASIZING THEMES IN REGIONAL DECLARATIONS AND JUNE PARIS EXPERTS MEETING WITH WHICH GROUP B CAN AGREE (E.G. INDUSTRIALIZATION ONLY PART OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, SELF-RELIANCE), WORKING INTO DISCUSSION CAVEATS RE INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR AND NOTING POSSIBILITIES FOR "TRILATERAL AGREEMENTS" AMONG SOURCES OF INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY AND RECIPIENTS.

B. GROUP B MEMBERS INDICATED WARINESS RE PARTICULARS OF LE GUAY PROPOSAL FOR FORMAL CONSULTATION STRUCTURE, BUT EVINCED NO INTENTION INTRODUCE SUCH SPECIFICITY INTO NOV 8 MEETING.

C. REITERATED REFERENCE TO AVOIDANCE OF CONFRONTATION (AT NOV 8 MEETING), NEVER DEFINED, APPEARS IMPLY GROUP B DISPOSITION AVOID ENGAGING REAL ISSUES, LARGELY LIMITING INTERVENTIONS TO LEVEL OF GENERALITY, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SPEAKING GENTLY. THIS PROBABLY DISCREET AT THIS STAGE, PARTICULARLY SINCE IN OUR VIEW G-77 MEMBERS WILL TEND BE RELUCTANT SPEAK ON PERSONAL BASIS AND THEREFORE APT BE PASSIVE AT NOV 8 MEETING.

4. OECD DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES JUST HAVING BEEN DISTRIBUTED AT OUTSET OF GROUP B MEETING, THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF CONTENT. GROUP AGREED HOLD SPECIAL

NOV 15 MEETING OF MISSIONS PLANNING SEND STAFF TO OECD
AD HOC EXAMINATION OF PAPER.

A. DURING DISCUSSION, EXPECTATION WAS VOICED THAT
OECD SECRETARIAT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE LATER PAPER ON DRAFT
PLAN OF ACTION; IF AVAILABLE AT VIENNA BY NOV 15,
SPECIAL MEETING WOULD ALSO CONSIDER IT, AND IF NOT,
OCCASION OF NOV 18-19 AD HOC OECD MEETING MIGHT BE
USED TO DISCUSS PROSPECTIVE CONTENT AND SCOPE OF SUCH
PAPER.

B. REPS OF CANADA, IRELAND, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS,
SWITZERLAND, AND U.S. PLAN PARTICIPATE AT PARIS, AND
AUSTRIA, ITALY AND UK AWAITING DECISION WHETHER TO SEND
REPS.

5. DURING EXCHANGE OF INFO RE DEVELOPMENTS IN UNGA
SECOND COMMITTEE, WE NOTED POSSIBILITY SECRETARIAT
AND/OR G-77 MAY SEEK DISCUSSION AT PC-V OF SYG'S
REPORTS ON SEPARATE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF
UNIDO PROGRAM/BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTONOMY
(A/C.5/1616), AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (A/9792)
SHOULD GA REFER THESE TO UNIDO-II AND VOICED DESIRABIL-
ITY OF DELEGATIONS BEING ACCORDINGLY PREPARED.

6. FRG (UNGERER) REPORTED ON CONVERSATION WITH OPEC
SEC GEN KHENE RE HIS NOMINATION FOR UNIDO EXECUTIVE
DIRECTORSHIP WHEREIN KHENE REPORTEDLY REMARKED HE
"THINKING ABOUT WHETHER TO ACCEPT."

7. STIBRAVY GAVE REPORT ON FINDINGS OF GROUP B
WORKING PARTY ON UNIDO'S FINANCIAL SITUATION, WHICH
SET OUT MORE FULLY IN WRITTEN NOTES CIRCULATED TO
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OTHERS (AND BEING POUCHED DEPT., GENEVA, AND USUN).
FRG VOICED PERSONAL PREFERENCE FOR EVENTUAL INCLUSION
OF SIS FUNDS INTO UNIDO SEPARATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-
MENT FUND, IF SUCH EVER CREATED.

8. NEXT REGULAR GROUP B MEETING SCHEDULED NOV 26. STIBRAVY

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